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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 29th June 1957

No. 35(1)-T.P./57.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Wood Screw Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Protection to this industry should be continued at the existing rate of duty, namely, $31\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. *ad valorem* or 5 annas per gross, whichever is higher, for a further period of three years, i.e. till 31st December, 1960.
- (2) The industry should be given all possible assistance in obtaining its requirements of steel wire.
- (3) Steps should be taken to ensure closer co-ordination between the quantity of steel wire for which quota certificates are issued to manufacturers of wood screws, the quantity of billets allotted to the Indian Steel and Wire Products Ltd., for this purpose and the actual deliveries effected by the Company to different manufacturers. The manufacturers on their part should arrange to place their indents with the Indian Steel and Wire Products Ltd., as soon as they receive the quota certificates.
- (4) The wood screw factories which have facilities for drawing steel wire from wire rods should be given reasonable supplies of wire rods.
- (5) The State Governments concerned should give Jagatjit Engineering Works, Kapurthala, and Badhwar and Co., Delhi, reasonable priority in the allocation of electric power.
- (6) The industry should as far as possible, use tested steel wire for the manufacture of wood screws.

- (7) The manufacturers of wood screws should examine the desirability of adopting certain common specifications for steel wire in order to facilitate the production of this material.
- (8) The quality of indigenous wood screws has improved considerably since the last inquiry. The manufacturers, however, should take note of the defects pointed out by Railways and adopt further measures to improve the quality of their products.

2. Government accept recommendation (1). The protective duty on wood screws has recently been rounded off to 35 per cent. *ad valorem* or 35 Naye Paise per gross, whichever is higher under the Finance (No. 2) Bill, 1957. Necessary legislation will be undertaken in due course to continue protection to the Industry at the revised rate of duty.

3. Government also accept recommendations (2), (3) and (4) and will take suitable steps to implement them as far as possible.

4. Government have taken note of recommendation (5) and the matter will be taken up with the State Governments concerned.

5. The attention of the industry is drawn to recommendations (6), (7), (8) and the latter portion of recommendation (3).

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

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